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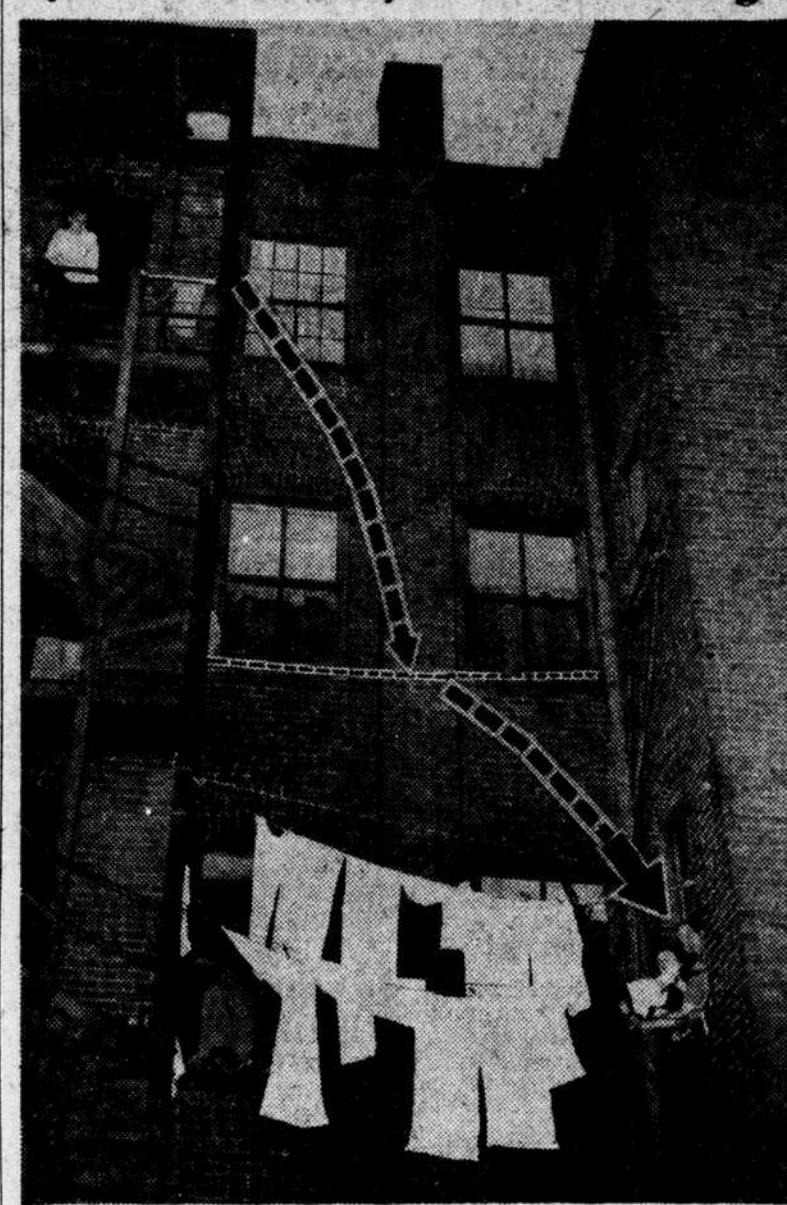
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Robert W. Lee and his stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles E. Maddox, shown looking out the second-floor window through which they pulled to safety Mrs. Ann McGinnis, whose plunge (indicated by lines drawn in) was broken by a clothesline.

Mrs. Ann McGinnis, 44, was recovering today in Gallinger Hospital from bruises suffered when a clothesline saved her from falling to death or serious injury yesterday. She leaped from the fire escape platform opposite her fourth-floor apartment at 1133 Twenty-fourth street N.W.

While falling, her body struck a clothesline of the apartment below. Her weight pulled a supporting pipe from the wall and, entangled in the clothesline, she was swung trapeze fashion partially into the open window of the bathroom of an apartment on the second floor.

Robert W. Lee, a Potomac Electric Power Co. substation superintendent,

who lives in the second floor apartment, heard the crash and ran into the bathroom. He found the woman unconscious, hanging at the level of the window in the tangled clothesline. He called his stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles E. Maddox, 19, and they pulled the woman in.

An ambulance was called in which she was first taken to Emergency Hospital for first aid. Pvt. James L. Thrift of the third precinct, who arrived before the ambulance, said Mrs. McGinnis told him she was "tired of living." She told him, he said, that she had been married about five months to J. J. McGinnis, a lawyer.

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tionnaires are repeatedly excused from service on the basis of requests from their employers. Cases where the loss of an employee would "embarrass" his employer might occur, the commission conceded, but they should not be "habitual."

**Expanded List Urged.**  
If the list of jurors is expanded, the report added, calls for jury service will be spaced farther apart, and "it is only reasonable to expect" excuses would become less frequent.

Reporting its efforts to expand the jury list, the commission said it mailed 39,316 questionnaires during the 1946 fiscal year. Of that total, 9,500 made no response and 10,000 questionnaires were returned by the Post Office because the addressee could not be located. Of the 24,704 individuals who returned completed questionnaires, 8,725 were found eligible for jury service.

The commission cited the "peculiar characteristics" of the Nation's Capital in explaining why such a low ratio of qualified jurors was found. One factor cited was the fact that the lack of suffrage induces citizens to retain their legal residence elsewhere. Also cited was the high turnover in population because this is the seat of Government. The

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**Commission Outlines Plans for Improving Conditions for Jurors**  
Noting the reluctance of "many" Washington residents to serve on juries, the Jury Commission for the District believes steps should be taken to make jury service more popular.

In its first annual report the commission suggested the following steps to raise jury morale:  
1. Convenient, clean and comfortable jurors' waiting and conference rooms.  
2. Respectful and dignified treatment of jurors by court attaches.  
3. More rapid handling of jurors in open court on jury day, possibly by holding a special hearing for prospective jurors who want to be excused from service.  
4. Possibly larger jury fees.

**Fee Believed Insufficient.**  
On the point of payment for jury service, the commission pointed out the fee is not expected to compensate a juror at the rate of his daily earnings but it is expected to keep him from actual want.

"It is questionable," the commission observed, "at a time when common labor commands from six to eight dollars a day, whether a fee of \$4 a day is sufficient to provide bare necessities for the juror and his family if deprived of his regular earnings."

While commenting on the reluctance of some—particularly women—to serve on juries, the commission also recognized that some jurors are being called for duty at 13 or 14 month intervals. At present, the law provides a one-year period between calls to jury duty.

The commission said it will consider the advisability of an amendment to the law to extend the period of grace, possibly five or more years. Also under consideration, the commission reported, is an amendment to the law requiring citizens to respond to the questionnaires sent out to determine a citizen's qualifications for jury duty. At present, the commission cannot compel a citizen to respond to the questionnaire.

commission estimated 105,000 potential jurors as the maximum here. In the course of the year, the commission reported, the names of 10,579 individuals were added to the jury box. During the same period, 2,358 women indicated their desire not to be placed on the jury list.

**One Columbia Defendant Convicted, One Cleared**  
By the Associated Press  
COLUMBIA, Tenn., Nov. 19.—A Circuit Court jury last night convicted one colored man and acquitted another of charges of attempt to commit murder in a racial riot here last January.

Conviction by the jury, made up mostly of Columbia businessmen, carries a sentence for Loyd Kennedy, 21, of not more than five years in prison. William A. Pillow, 38, was the defendant acquitted.

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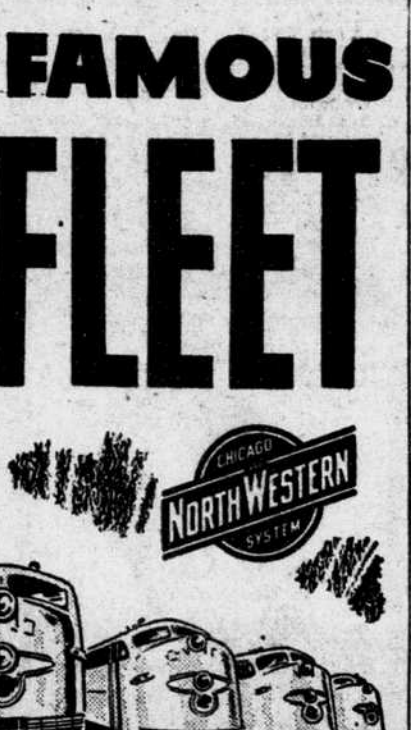
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